

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 778 – SB 983

February 22, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that the offense of criminal abortion only applies to an elective abortion. Defines elective abortion as any abortion that is not medically necessary to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to prevent serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any necessary rule changes by boards under the Division of Health-Related Boards can be accommodated within the appropriate board's regularly-scheduled meetings at no additional cost.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-15-213(b), criminal abortion is a Class C felony.
- Establishing that the offense of criminal abortion only applies to an elective abortion will not result in a sufficient change in the number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any impact to the court system as a result of the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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